

Appl. No. 09/808,775
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REMARKS

In the Office Action of February 17, 2004, claims 1-12 and 14-19 were pending. Of the pending claims, claims 1-12 and 14-16 were allowed and claims 17-19 were finally rejected.

Claims 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being undefined. Claims 17-19 were further rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Batrud in view of Cook and/or Goldstein and as being unpatentable over Wise in view of Cook and/or Goldstein.

Applicants have canceled claims 17-19, thereby obviating the Examiner's objections and placing this application in condition for allowance.

The Examiner requested information that Applicants may have regarding "an undated brochure showing the Gunnart C-55 Mat cutter." To the best of their knowledge, Applicants have complied with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and have provided to the Examiner all information known to each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of the present patent application to be material to patentability. Although the Examiner has made reference to the above-mentioned brochure, the Examiner has failed to present Applicants with a copy this brochure or to provide information regarding the author, title, date, pages or plates, place of publication, or place where a copy can be found as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(d)(1). See MPEP 707.05. At this time, without more information from the Examiner, Applicants are unable to provide further information regarding the above-mentioned brochure.

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Applicant believes no other fees are due with this Response. However, please charge any deficiency in fees that may be associated with this Response or any other required fees to Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

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